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<i>Examiner Name</i>	Carla J. Myers
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	018/180C

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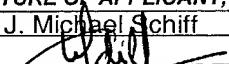
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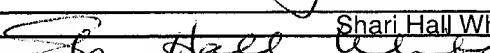
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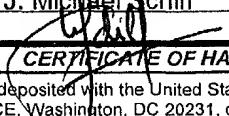
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